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REGIONAL BRIEFING SYSTEM



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This instruction implements AFD 15-1, *Atmospheric and Space Environmental Support*. It establishes procedures and outlines responsibilities for providing remote flight briefings to Department of Defense active and reserve aircrews. This instruction applies to all PACAF organizations and their subordinate weather units providing aircrew briefings. This publication does not apply to Air National Guard (ANG) or US Air Force Reserve (USAFR) units.

SUMMARY OF REVISIONS

Changes reference AFI 11-206 to AFI 11-202V3. This instruction also incorporates PACAF organizational changes and restructure of Air Force Weather support. New or revised material is indicated by a (|).

1. General. The Regional Briefing System (RBS) provides an avenue for aircrews to obtain telephone flight weather briefings when operating from airfields where flight weather briefing services are not available. USAF aircrew responsibilities for obtaining flight weather briefings are outlined in AFI 11-202V3. US Army aircrew responsibilities for obtaining flight weather briefings are contained in AR 95-1.

2. Terms Explained. USAF Regional Weather Briefing Facilities. Weather units listed in the DOD Flight Information Publication (FLIP) Flight Information Handbook which provide telephone weather briefings to aircrews operating at locations where flight weather briefing services are not otherwise available.

3. Responsibilities. US Air Force and Army pilots departing from locations where military weather briefing services are not available should, when practical, obtain weather information from collocated weather briefing facilities; for example, Flight Service Stations. When local weather briefing services are

not available, aircrews should request weather information from the closest military weather briefing facility or flight destination, unless otherwise specified at [Attachment 1](#).

3.1. Operations groups will:

3.1.1. Ensure each airfield supported by their subordinate weather units are provided RBS support when the airfield is open, but forecasting service is not locally available.

3.1.2. Request assistance from HQ PACAF/DOW when their subordinate weather unit cannot provide RBS support.

3.2. All weather units providing remote weather briefing services will:

3.2.1. Complete a written agreement (weather support instruction, plan, Memorandum of Agreement, or other coordinated, annually reviewed document) with the supported DOD organization outlining support requirements and individual unit responsibilities.

3.2.2. Not refuse infrequent calls from DOD aircrews who request flight weather briefing services but have not established a written agreement.

3.2.3. Accept long-distance phone calls from authorized personnel at nonmilitary locations who require weather briefing services.

3.3. USAF regional weather briefing facilities listed in [Attachment 1](#), column 1 will:

3.3.1. Provide telephone flight weather briefings according to the appropriate written agreement (weather support instruction, plan, or letter of agreement).

3.3.2. Dedicate a telephone for incoming aircrew calls (24-hour briefing facilities only). Ensure the dedicated telephone number is published and kept current in the FLIP Flight Information Handbook (see appropriate FLIP for reporting corrections and changes).

3.4. Those weather units listed in attachment 1, column 2 requiring RBS support will:

3.4.1. When possible, maintain a pilot briefing display or Automated Weather Distribution System (AWDS) briefing loop sequence for flight weather briefings to include: latest observation, surface analysis, surface prognosis, flight hazard forecast, and flight level winds as appropriate.

3.4.2. Provide a dedicated telephone for aircrew use. The telephone should be positioned so aircrews can view the briefing display while receiving the remote briefing. Place instructions for obtaining remote briefings near the dedicated telephone.

3.4.3. Complete a written agreement (weather support instruction, plan, or other coordinated, annually reviewed document) with the designated RBS unit to include hours of support, special requirements, and display presentation. Establish agreements with USAF weather facilities that can reasonably provide the support. In most cases, this will be the facility closest to the limited duty station.

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Attachment 1

PACAF WEATHER UNITS PROVIDING REGIONAL BRIEFING SUPPORT

A1.1. The following list details those weather units tasked to provide regional briefing system support and the limited duty base weather stations they support. Regional facilities tasked to support other regional facilities support all associated agencies by default. Taskings in this attachment may change as briefing responsibilities are shifted from the designated units to the Operational Weather Squadron.

<u>Regional Weather Briefing Facility</u>	<u>Supported Units</u>
3 OSS/OSW (Elmendorf AFB)	Ft Richardson 176 CG/DO (Kulis ANGB)
11 OWS (Elmendorf AFB)	Ft Richardson (when not supported by 3 OSS/OSW) 176 CG/DO (Kulis ANGB) (when not supported by 3 OSS/OSW) 3 OSS/OSW (Elmendorf AFB) 354 OSS/WE (Eielson AFB) 3 ASOS/WE (Ft Wainwright)
15 OSS/OSW (Hickam AFB)	25 ASOS/DOW (Wheeler AAF) OL-A, 25 ASOS (Bradshaw AAF) (when Wheeler AAF is closed)
25 ASOS/DOW (Wheeler AAF)	OL-A, 25 ASOS (Bradshaw AAF)
374 OSS/OSW (Yokota AB)	OL-A, 374 OSS (Camp Zama)
OL-A, Det 1, 607 WS (Camp Stanley)	OL-B, Det 1, 607 WS (Camp Page) OL-C, Det 1, 607 WS (Camp Stanton)
Det 2, 607 WS (Camp Humphreys)	Det 1, 607 WS (Camp Red Cloud) OL-A, Det 1, 607 WS (Camp Stanley) OL-B, Det 2, 607 WS (Camp Eagle) OL-A, 607 WS (Seoul AB)